

Amendments to the Claims

In accordance with the proposed revisions to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please amend the claims as follows, with deletions shown by strikethrough and additions shown by underlining:

1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent structure comprising about 30 to about 90 weight percent, based on the total weight of the ~~composite~~ structure, superabsorbent material and from about 70 to about 10 weight percent fibers, and wherein the superabsorbent material has a Gel Bed Permeability (GBP) value of greater than about $70 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ and an Absorbency Under Load (AUL) value at 0.6 psi of less than about 25 g/g, and

wherein the superabsorbent material consists essentially of a crosslinked resin selected from nonionic polymers, nonionic copolymers, anionic polymers, anionic copolymers, acidic polymers, acidic copolymers or mixtures thereof.

2. (Original) The absorbent structure of Claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent material has a GBP value of greater than about $70 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ and an AUL value at 0.6 psi of less than about 24 g/g.

DI 3. (Original) The absorbent structure of Claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent material has a GBP value of greater than about $70 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ and an AUL value at 0.6 psi of less than about 23 g/g.

4. (Original) The absorbent structure of Claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent material has a GBP value of greater than about $70 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ and an AUL value at 0.6 psi of less than about 21 g/g.

5. (Original) The absorbent structure of Claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent material has a GBP value of greater than about $150 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ and an AUL value at 0.6 psi of less than about 25 g/g.

6. (Original) The absorbent structure of Claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent material has a GBP value of greater than about $150 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ and an AUL value at 0.6 psi of less than about 24 g/g.

7. (Original) The absorbent structure of Claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent material has a GBP value of greater than about $150 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ and an AUL value at 0.6 psi of less than about 23 g/g.

8. (Original) The absorbent structure of Claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent material has a GBP value of greater than about $150 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ and an AUL value at 0.6 psi of less than about 21 g/g.

DI 9. (Original) The absorbent structure of Claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent material has a GBP value of greater than about $250 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ and an AUL value at 0.6 psi of less than about 25 g/g.

10. (Original) The absorbent structure of Claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent material has a GBP value of greater than about $250 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ and an AUL value at 0.6 psi of less than about 24 g/g.

11. (Original) The absorbent structure of Claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent material has a GBP value of greater than about $250 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ and an AUL value at 0.6 psi of less than about 23 g/g.

12. (Original) The absorbent structure of Claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent material has a GBP value of greater than about $250 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ and an AUL value at 0.6 psi of less than about 21 g/g.

13. (Original) The absorbent structure of Claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent material has a pH value of from about 3 to about 8.

14. (Original) The absorbent structure of Claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent material has a pH value of from about 4 to about 8.

15. (Original) The absorbent structure of Claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent material has a pH value of from about 5.2 to about 8.

16. (Currently Amended) The absorbent structure of Claim 1, wherein the absorbent structure comprises from about ~~20~~ 40 to about ~~100~~ 90 weight percent superabsorbent material and from about ~~80~~ 60 to about ~~0~~ 10 weight percent fibers.

DI 17. (Currently Amended) The absorbent structure of Claim ~~16~~ 1, wherein the absorbent structure comprises from about 30 to about ~~90~~ 80 weight percent superabsorbent material and from about 70 to about ~~10~~ 20 weight percent fibers.

18. (Currently Amended) The absorbent structure of Claim ~~16~~, 1 wherein the absorbent structure comprises from about 40 to about 80 weight percent superabsorbent material and from about 60 to about 20 weight percent fibers.

19. (Original) The absorbent structure of Claim 1, wherein the absorbent structure has a basis weight of superabsorbent material greater than about 80 grams per square meter.

20. (Original) The absorbent structure of Claim 19, wherein the absorbent structure has a basis weight of superabsorbent material of from about 80 grams per square meter to about 800 grams per square meter.

21. (Original) The absorbent structure of Claim 20, wherein the absorbent structure has a basis weight of superabsorbent material of from about 120 grams per square meter to about 700 grams per square meter.

22. (Original) The absorbent structure of Claim 21, wherein the absorbent structure has a basis weight of superabsorbent material of from about 150 grams per square meter to about 600 grams per square meter.

23. (Original) The absorbent structure of Claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent material comprises a sodium polyacrylate.

Claims 24-30 (cancelled)

31. (Original) A disposable garment comprising the absorbent structure of Claim 1.

32. (Currently Amended) A disposable garment comprising at least one absorbent structure, wherein the ~~at least one~~ absorbent structure comprises about 30 to about 90 weight percent, based on the total weight of the ~~composite~~ structure, superabsorbent material and from about 70 to about 10 weight percent fibers, and wherein the superabsorbent material has a Gel Bed Permeability (GBP) value of greater than about $70 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ and an Absorbency Under Load (AUL) value at 0.6 psi of less than about 25 g/g, and

wherein the superabsorbent material consists essentially of a crosslinked resin selected from nonionic polymers, nonionic copolymers, anionic polymers, anionic copolymers, acidic polymers, acidic copolymers or mixtures thereof.

33. (Currently Amended) An absorbent garment comprising:

a body-side liner,

an outer cover, and

an absorbent ~~composite~~, structure wherein the absorbent ~~composite~~, structure comprises about 30 to about 90 weight percent, based on the total weight of the ~~composite~~, structure, superabsorbent material, and about 70 to about 10 weight percent fibers, and wherein the superabsorbent material has a Gel Bed Permeability (GBP) value greater than about $70 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ and an Absorbency Under Load (AUL) value at 0.6 psi of less than 25 g/g, and

wherein the superabsorbent material consists essentially of a crosslinked resin selected from nonionic polymers, nonionic copolymers, anionic polymers, anionic copolymers, acidic polymers, acidic copolymers or mixtures thereof.

34. (New) The absorbent structure of Claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent has an Absorbency Under Load (AUL) value at 0.6 psi of less than 25 g/g.

35. (New) The disposable garment of Claim 32, wherein the superabsorbent has an Absorbency Under Load (AUL) value at 0.6 psi of less than 25 g/g.

DI 36. (New) The absorbent structure of Claim 1, further comprising a means of containing the superabsorbent material.

37. (New) The disposable garment of Claim 32, further comprising a means of containing the superabsorbent material.

38. (New) The absorbent garment of Claim 33, further comprising a means of containing the superabsorbent material.

39. (New) An absorbent product comprising the absorbent structure of Claim 1.
